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**TO:** School Administrators  
**FROM:** Dr Andrea Wood, Director of Assessment  
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**SUBJECT:** Update Information Regarding MAP, MAP-A, EOC, and Personal Finance

I hope that your school year is off to a good start. The beginning of the school term is always characterized by excitement and anticipation about what the year might hold. As you continue to plan for the coming months, please watch for updates from the Department of Elementary and Secondary's (DESE's) Assessment Section. These updates will help keep you informed about the changes and progress of development within and around the assessments for the Missouri Assessment Program (MAP), Missouri Assessment Program –Alternative (MAP-A), End-of-Course (EOC), and Personal Finance.

### MAP ASSESSMENTS

#### Testing Window

March 30 - April 24 is the testing window for all required MAP testing. MAP testing for 2008-2009 school year is in the following content areas and grades:

- Communication Arts - Grades 3-8
- Mathematics - Grades 3-8
- Science - Grades 5 and 8

The CTB contractual changes that occurred in 2008 will remain the same for 2009. These include:

- the elimination of the early return window,
- the field test items embedded within the operational tests, and
- one test book containing all content for each grade.

Due to the elimination of the early return window and to enhance the scoring effort, it is now very important for districts to return student assessments to the testing contractor immediately after testing completion.

#### Online MAP Enrollment

The MAP enrollment process will be an online application again this year. CTB/McGraw-Hill staff will send a letter to district test coordinators in late fall that provides a unique district username and password for accessing the online enrollment. The online enrollment procedure will allow for the capture of all enrollment fields (e.g., Large Print and Braille, MAP-A). District staff must submit all enrollments with a purchase order. Enrollment for the MAP will be December 1 – December 15, 2008.

Enrollment for the MAP-A will be September 22, 2008 – October 31, 2008. Watch for the letter from the Assessment Resource Center (ARC) that will provide the web address and directions for the MAP-A online enrollment system.

#### MAP Item Release

For the next several years, the release of MAP test items will be embargoed in order for the program to build a pool of secure items to build future test forms. The positive outcome has been the move away from the stand-alone field test to embedding field test items in operational test forms.

#### MAP Schedule For 2008-09 School Year

December 1 – December 15	Online Enrollment Period
March 6	Test Coordinator Packages Arrive In Districts
March 13	Secure Test Materials Arrive In Districts
March 30 – April 24	MAP Testing Window
April 29	Last day to contact CTB for pickup of testing materials <b>without</b> a charge to the district

Map-A Schedule For 2008-09 School Year

September 22, 2008 – October 31, 2008	MAP-A Enrollment Window
December 5, 2008 – January 5, 2009	MAP-A Materials Shipped to Districts
January 9, 2009	MAP-A Transfer Exempt Date
January 12 – February 6, 2009	MAP-A Collection Period 1
February 9 – March 6, 2009	MAP-A Collection Period 2
March 13, 2009	MAP-A Return Date Deadline to ARC

**EOC ASSESSMENTS**

Testing Windows

November 3, 2008 – January 31, 2009	Phase I Fall
April 15, 2009 – May 22, 2009	Phase I Spring
June 16, 2009 – August 31, 2009	Phase I Summer
April 15, 2009	Field Test Window Begins

Content areas to be tested in the operational EOC Assessments for the 2008-2009 school year are Algebra I, Biology, and English II. The cost per assessment is \$1.80 as in past years. User names and passwords for the spring enrollment window remain the same as in the fall. Purchase orders must be made out to Riverside Publishing Company.

All students currently enrolled or who have completed the content of the following areas, will be tested in the stand-alone EOC field tests for spring 2009.

Algebra II	Geometry
Integrated Math II	Integrated Math III
American Government	American History
English I	

Online EOC Enrollment

You will need to enroll your student numbers during the selected testing window for your district. The online enrollment site is activated the first day of each testing window for the EOC enrollment. This link is the connection to the on-line EOC enrollment site: <https://mo-servicepoint.questarai.com/>

EOC Item Release

DESE released one form for Algebra I, Biology, and English II, respectively. These released EOC Assessments are located on the DESE website on the EOC web page: <http://dese.mo.gov/divimprove/assess/eoc/>

**PERSONAL FINANCE ASSESSMENTS**

Personal Finance Pilot

DESE is also conducting a Personal Finance field test with the assistance and support from the ARC. The purpose of the field test is to determine test items that will appear on the operational tests in the ensuing school years. Districts incur **no cost** for field tests.

- Districts with 4-block schedules will test either October 1-8, 2008 or February 9-13, 2009.
- Districts with semester schedules will test either October 22-28, 2008 or April 20-24, 2009.

Use this link to enroll for the Personal Finance assessments: [http://dese.mo.gov/divimprove/assess/Personal\\_Finance.html](http://dese.mo.gov/divimprove/assess/Personal_Finance.html)

The DESE website contains information regarding the assessments for current and upcoming years. The assessment blueprint, typically titled “Expanded MAP,” will be revised very soon and can be found using this link: <http://dese.mo.gov/divimprove/assess/tech/>.

Please update your district’s screen 3 in core data to reflect the appropriate personnel to receive these important, timely information updates from DESE’s Assessment Section.

We hope the information provided in this memo is helpful. Please do not hesitate to contact the Assessment Section (800-845-3545) if you have any questions.